

## Mitigation

- [Final Rule: Compensatory Mitigation for Losses of Aquatic Resources](#) - This rule went into effect on June 10, 2008. The rule clarifies how to provide compensatory mitigation for unavoidable impacts to the nation's wetlands and streams. The rule will enable the agencies to promote greater consistency, predictability and ecological success of mitigation projects under the Clean Water Act. The new rule changes where and how mitigation is to be completed, but maintains existing requirements on when mitigation is required. The rule emphasizes the need for mitigation to be based on a watershed approach. The rule also preserves the requirement for applicants to avoid or minimize impacts to aquatic resources before proposing compensatory mitigation projects to offset permitted impacts.
  - [Washington State Mitigation Guidance](#) - This guidance is an interagency document detailing how to plan and prepare a mitigation plan.
  - [Mitigation Banking](#) - The Corps, in partnership with the Washington State Department of Ecology, has a mitigation banking program in Washington State. Please visit this website for detailed information on mitigation banking and a map showing the location of existing mitigation banks. Here you will also find a helpful document to assist you in locating a mitigation bank using a landscape-based approach.
  - [Other Wetland Information](#) - Please visit this Washington State Department of Ecology website for detailed information on wetlands and wetland mitigation.
  - [Watershed Processes](#) - Please view this Washington State Department of Ecology document for detailed information on watershed processes in the Puget Sound region.
  - [Wetland Monitoring Report Examples](#)
  - [Invasive Species](#)
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